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TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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FOLLOWING REPEAT DAKAR 0332 ACTION SECSTATE DTD 17 JAN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, CASC, LE, SG

SUBJ: BENGALI/SENEGALESE/LEBANESE REQUEST FOR WELFARE AND  
WHEREABOUTS ASSISTANCE IN BEIRUT

1. AMBASSADOR WAS APPROACHED BY BANGLADESH AMBASSADOR HAQ  
ON JAN 16 ON BEHALF OF KARIM BOURGI, PROMINENT DAKAR BUSINESSMAN  
WHO WAS LEBANESE BY BIRTH BUT NOW HOLDS SENEGALESE NATIONALITY.  
ACCORDING TO HAQ, BOURGI HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM SAFETY OF HIS  
FAMILY IN BEIRUT THROUGH ANY CUSTOMARY CHANNELS  
(COMMERCIAT  
COMMUNICATIONS, SENEGALESE AND LEBANESE OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL  
CONTACTS). HAQ REQUESTED USG HELP IN CONTACTING BOURGI'S  
FAMILY IN BEIRUT TO ASCERTAIN THEIR WELFARE/WHEREABOUTS.

2. AS HAQ IN USEFUL CONTACT AND BOURGI IS WEALTHY PROPERTY-  
OWNER WITH EXTENSIVE HOLDINGS IN DAKAR (AS WELL AS BEING  
REPORTED CLOSE FRIEND OF PRESIDENT SENGHOR), EMBASSY WAS  
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RELUCTANT TO REJECT REQUEST OUT OF HAND. HOWEVER, IN VIEW

OF UNUSUAL NATURE OF REQUEST AND CURRENT MINIMIZE ON BEIRUT,  
EMBASSY DEFERS TO DEPARTMENT'S JUDGMENT ON RESPONDING. IF  
DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION, EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT THIS MESSAGE  
BE REPEATED TO BEIRUT FOR WHATEVER INQUIRIES EMBASSY BEIRUT  
MAY BE ABLE TO MAKE. IF CURRENT CONDITIONS IN BEIRUT OR  
ESTABLISHED POLICY PRECLUDE OUR BEING OF HELP, REQUEST THAT  
DEPARTMENT SO INFORM US AND WE WILL ADVISE HAQ.

3. FOLLOWING NAMES AND ADDRESSES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO US FOR  
MEMBERS OF BOURGI'S FAMILY, ANY ONE OF WHOM WE PRESUME  
SHOULD BE ABLE VOUCH FOR OTHERS:

MADAME BOURGI, TEL 310-551 OR 301-609 (CONCIERGE)

RAMLET EL BAIDA, YOUNES BUILDING (NEAR NEW U.S. EMBASSY).

MADAME HAMMOUND, TEL 314-619 CORNICHE MAZRA

EL KANAFANI BUILDING

MADAME ABOU KHALIL, TEL 348-830 RAS BEYROUTH, TAMIM BLDG,

OPPOSITE CIMEMA VERSAILLES

DOCTEUR SAMI ABOUKHALIL, TEL 348-190

RUE BLISS, RAS BEYROUTH, SALMAN BLDG.

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